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February Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 855 million pounds of milk during February, up 11.6 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The daily rate per cow was 71.2 pounds, up 3.3 pounds from February 2015. The dairy herd was estimated at 414,000 head for February, up 11,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from February 2015. The daily production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 63.2 pounds in February, 0.6 pound above February 2015. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 8,000 head more than February 2015, and 2,000 head less than January 2016.

Milk production, February

Commodity	Michigan			23 Major States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Cows1,000 Hd	381	403	414	8,516	8,621	8,629
Daily rate per cowPounds	67.1	67.9	71.2	62.4	62.6	63.2
ProductionMil lbs	716	766	855	14,884	15,124	15,820